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SUBJECT: NIGER-TOGO SUMMIT -- ANGOLA

1. PRESIDENTS KOUNTCHE AND EYADEMA HELD BRIEF
SUMMIT IN NIAMEY DECEMBER 27 WHICH SEEMED TO UNDERLINE
IDENTITY OF VIEWS RE ANGOLA.

2. COMMUNIQUE SAID TWO STATES QUOTE STRONGLY
DEPLORE THAT AFTER SO MUCH SACRIFICE AND EFFORT
IN STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIALISM, ANGOLA HAS AGAIN BECOME
CENTER OF AN UNFORTUNATE FRITICIDAL WAR. THEY DEPLORE THE
CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY OF FOREIGN POWERS AND NOTABLY
SOUTH AFRICA WHICH ARM AND ENCOURAGE ANGOLAN BROTHERS
IN CIVIL WAR. THEY LAUNCH AN APPEAL TO ALL PARTIES
IN ANGOLA TO STOP FIGHTING AND ENGAGE IN NEGOTIATIONS
FOR PEACE AND NATIONAL HARMONY. THEY EXPRESS THE
ARDENT HOPE THAT THE FORTHCOMING SPECIAL OAU
SUMMIT CAN HELP BROTHER ANGOLANS TO FIND A SOLUTION
SATISFACTORY FOR ALL. END QUOTE.

3. AT AIRPORT ARRIVAL PRESS CONFERENCE, EYADEMA
EXPLAINED TOGO POSITION AS FOLLOWS:

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THE ONLY WAY OF FINDING REAL SOLUTION TO THE
PRESSING PROBLEMS OF ANGOLA IS FREE ELECTIONS

UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE OAU. WITH THREE MOVEMENTS
HAVING FOUGHT FOR INDEPENDENCE AND TODAY CLAIMING
TO REPRESENT A MAJORITY OF THE ANGOLAN POPULATION,
ONLY FREE ELECTIONS CAN DETERMINE THE
MANDATE OF EACH. MEANTIME, TOGO WILL NOT
RECOGNIZE EITHER OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS PROCLAIMED
IN ANGOLA FOR WE BELIEVE THAT AS AFRICANS IT WOULD BE
BETTER TO BRING BROTHERS TO A SENSIBLE SOLUTION
THAN TO CONTRIBUTE TO A CONTINUATION OF
THEIR CONFLICT.

4. IN PRESS CONFERENCE DECEMBER 22 FOLLOWING HIS RETURN
FROM OCAM MEETING IN KIGALI, FONMIN DJERMAKOYE AGAIN
STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF UPCOMING
ADDIS MINISTERIAL WHICH WOULD INQUIRE ABOUT
QUOTE REASONS WHICH HAD LET CERTAIN STATES TO RECOGNIZE
ONE OF THE THREE MOVEMENTS AND HOPEFULLY ENCOURAGE
A DIALOGUE BETWEEN PARTIES THEMSELVES. ACCORDINGLY,
DJERMAKOYE EXPRESSED STRONG HOPE THAT EACH OF THREE
LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WOULD BE REPRESENTED AT
OAU MINISTERIAL AND SUMMIT MEETINGS. RE SOUTH
AFRICAN, DJERMAKOYE SAID QUOTE NIGER OBVIOUSLY
DEPLORES THE INTERVENTION OF SOUTH AFRICA
BUT WE HAVE ALSO DEPLORED THE INTERVENTION
OF FOREIGN POWERS WHICH ARE INTERNATIONALIZING
THE PROBLEM. WE HAVE ALWAYS FELT THAT
IF THE GREAT POWERS WERE NOT INVOLVED, AFRICANS
THEMSELVES WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HANDLE
THE SITUATION IN A PEACEFUL MANNER. UNQUOTE. HECK

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